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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRESIDENT KHAMA.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY
AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD'S MISSION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.
I CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH
YOU, THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS, ZIMBABWE'S NATIONALISTS,
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THE SALISBURY AUTHORITIES AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR RECONVENING THE CONFERENCE IN
GENEVA AND PROCEEDING TO A RAPID SETTLEMENT OF THE
ZIMBABWEAN QUESTION.

3. YOU KNOW THE INTENSE INTEREST THE UNITED STATES HAS
IN A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE. WE REMAIN
COMMITTED TO THE RAPID ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE
WITHIN THE PERIOD AGREED TO AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.
WE SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
WHICH WILL HAVE MAJORITY AFRICAN REPRESENTATION AND

WILL PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ZIMBABWE'S EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. BRITAIN'S WILLINGNESS TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT

ROLE DURING TRANSITION IS THE NEW ELEMENT IN THE SETTLEMENT WHICH I KNOW YOU HAVE LONG FAVORED. I UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR RICHARD DESCRIBED TO YOU BRITISH VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS OUR FULL BACKING AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE OUR SUPPORT.

4. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THE BRITISH PROPOSALS, WHICH YOU ARE CONSIDERING, ARE A SUBSTANTIAL DEPARTURE FROM THE FRAMEWORK WHICH BROUGHT SMITH TO GENEVA. SOME MEANS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE NEW BRITISH POSITION AND THE ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK MUST BE FOUND IF SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT IS TO BE OBTAINED AND IF SMITH IS TO RETURN TO GENEVA.

THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ME INDICATES THAT ONE WAY TO BRIDGE THE GAP COULD BE A COMMITMENT THAT ONCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED AND INSTALLED IN OFFICE THE WAR WOULD COME TO AN END. AN INDICATION OF THIS NATURE COULD HELP TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY AND MAY MAKE IT EASIER TO ELICIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS. IF YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES SEE MERIT IN SUCH A GUARANTEE, WE ARE PREPARED TO USE OUR INFLUENCE IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY
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AND WORK TOWARDS AN ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR A ZIMBABWEAN SETTLEMENT.

5. I REGRET THAT YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE LUSAKA MEETING AND HOPE YOUR RECOVERY CONTINUES TO BE RAPID SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LEND YOUR WISE COUNSEL TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF YOUR COLLEAGUES. IN THE DAYS AHEAD, AND ESPECIALLY AT THE TIME YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS MEET IN LUSAKA, GREAT IMPORTANCE WILL BE ATTACHED TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH FOLLOW THE DELIBERATIONS. AN INDICATION THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE UNDERLINES ALL OUR OBJECTIVES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESIDENTS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BE COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION AND AN OUTCOME WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THE FULL INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA. MUCH TIME HAS PASSED, BUT I BELIEVE THE PROPOSALS I HAVE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IN THE PAST STILL OFFER AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT. I HOLD TO THE VIEW THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT A FIRM DATE FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, A MEETING UNDER UN AUSPICES OF NAMIBIAN PARTIES, INCLUDING SWAPO AT AN ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL

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